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For: METHOD FOR FORMING ANISOTROPIC METAL PARTICLES (As Amended)

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Sir:

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicants hereby elect metal powders as the species. Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1-15, 18 and 19.

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the specification and claims as described below.